

I'm concerned about **anti-competitive amendments to Section 252 of HR 5237**. The Energy and Technology Committee is holding hearings on HR 5237 this week.

The amended **New Language under HR 5237 Section 252** clearly limits competition within the **State of Michigan** for providing municipal wireless broadband internet services:

New Language under Section 252 (3) prohibits a municipality from offering telecommunication services outside its municipal borders. This New Language makes wireless broadband internet illegal, since radio waves are free to cross city or county lines!

New Language under Section 252 (2) mandates that municipal telecommunication service providers must be up-and-running within 12 months. This New Language allows an incumbent provider (SBC, e.g.) to "run out the clock" and squash competition.

Facts:

Wireless broadband services are a boon to business and community, supporting economic development and improving the quality of life in the State of Michigan.

Telecommunication Competition is Good For Michigan, reducing cost and boosting quality of telecommunication services.

Municipal utilities are safe and effective, as shown in my home town of Chelsea.

The New Language under Section 252 should be stricken from HR 5237.

Please include my comments in the public record. Thank you for your consideration.

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